

REMARKS:

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action of April 24, 2006, and for the indication that claims 1-4 and 11-20 are allowed. Claims 12 and 19 were previously withdrawn but maintained in the application in response to a species election. As such, Applicant requests that they be added back into the application.

Claims 7 and 21-36 have been canceled.

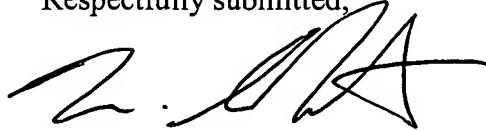
Claims 6 and 8-10 have been amended in clarification, and in response to the Examiner's indication that claims 6-10 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Specifically, Applicant has amended claim 6 to provide that the two radially spaced openings are proximate the first contoured portion. Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 6, given claim 7 has been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended to provide that the central portion also includes third and fourth radially spaced openings (i.e. a second pair of openings) which are proximate the second contoured portion. By way of explanation, the claimed subject matter may be further understood with reference to Figures 6 and 7. The two radially spaced openings proximate the first contoured portion are shown as openings 28, 30 in Figures 6 and 7. The third and fourth radially spaced openings proximate the second contoured portion are shown as openings 32, 34. Claim 10 has been amended in light of the clarifications to claim 9.

No new matter has been added. Applicant submits that the amendments to claims 6 and 8-10 place the application in condition for allowance, and therefore entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, then please debit Account No. 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Schrot', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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